

"§ 143C-4. Membership; appointment; terms; vacancies; chair; quorum; compensation.

(a) The Commission shall be composed of nine members to be appointed as follows:

- (1) Three members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a State employee and two of whom shall be members of the private sector. One of these private sector members shall have large-scale purchasing experience.
- (2) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two of whom shall be members of the private sector and one of whom shall be a State employee.
- (3) Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, two of whom shall be members of the private sector and one of whom shall be a State employee.

Members of the Commission shall serve two-year terms. In making the initial appointments to the Commission, the respective appointing authorities shall appoint at least one member for a one-year term so that subsequent terms stagger.

(b) All initial appointments shall become effective July 1, 1998. The initial members' terms shall end on June 30 of the applicable year in which a term expires, with the subsequent term beginning on July 1 of that year. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority for any unexpired portion of a term. Members shall receive subsistence, per diem, and travel allowances as provided by G.S. 138-5.

(c) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Commission shall annually elect its chair and vice-chair from among its members.

(d) The Commission shall appoint an executive director and other necessary staff within funds available to it.

"§ 143C-5. Cooperation of other State agencies.

All State agencies shall cooperate with the Commission and, upon request, assist the Commission in the performance of its duties and responsibilities. The Commission shall not impose unreasonable burdens or costs in connection with requests of State agencies.

"§ 143C-6. Application for and acceptance of certain gifts and grants; authority to enter into contract; applicability of State purchasing laws.

(a) The Commission may apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from governmental sources or from private nonprofit foundations organized for taxation purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to enable it to better carry out its objectives. No entity that provides a gift, donation, or grant shall be eligible for a contract award that results from action of a Commission recommendation.

(b) The Commission may contract for professional or consultant service. Any consultant awarded a contract shall be ineligible for a contract award resulting from the consultant's recommendations.

(c) The Commission is subject to the provisions of Articles 3, 3C, and 3D of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes.